A number of friends suggested to me that simply the consideration of my name for the office of presidency might help to remove some of those misunderstandings.

Second, "I see this as an excellent exercise for me in thinking through what it would mean to give leadership to a college like Dordt." He added, "But honestly, I have never thought that I would end up in a duel with Rev. J. B. Hulst." Zylstra said he has "always kept the option open of returning to the United States." He has retained his American citizenship while in Canada, and views America as the heart to Anglo-Saxon civilization.

Yet, should the Board of Trustees offer him the position of president, "It is not a foregone conclusion that I will then immediately accept the presidency.

If the position is offered to him, he says, "then I am found with this dilemma: to stay in Toronto in a meaningful position or to pick up a new challenge." Dordt has shown itself to be professional, mature, and positively self-conscious about its own identity, he said. "Dordt is only 25 years old," he said, "but it has a great degree of maturity for its young age." He adds, "It is more mature institutionally than the Institute for Christian Studies.

For this he gives credit to Rev. B. J. Haan who, he says, "has given the most significant contribution to Christian education in 25 years." Haan, he believes,...is in many ways irreplaceable.

According to Zylstra, the loss of students to two Canadian colleges, Kings and Redeemer, as well as the shift of young people in the population, has created a measure of anxiety among the faculty and administration at Dordt. He said, "I would like to change that problem into a challenge." He believes Dordt must provide that kind of vision to constituents so the loss of 100 students to Canada can be made up additionally from its own home base within the Christian Reformed Church.

Zylstra would explore the possibilities of attracting students to Dordt from identifiable Reformed communities outside of the Christian Reformed Church, from communities which "have a spiritually akin vision." He hopes "the Dordt student community is mature enough to go to school with Christians from other reformed backgrounds.

He concludes, "The vision of Dordt College should not be identified with the ethnicity of the Christian Reformed Church—that in the next 10 years is a question Dordt has to cope with."

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In Memory Of Jack Visscher

Jack Visscher, instructor of economics at Dordt, died in St. Joseph's Hospital, Sioux City, on Tuesday, Nov. 17. Visscher was hospitalized approximately one week ago and diagnosed as having a fast growing malignancy in the area around his heart.

Born on June 28, 1953, Visscher spent most of his younger years in Fremont, Michigan. He graduated from Fremont High in 1971 and from Calvin College with a B.A. in economics in 1974.

Visscher did graduate study at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. He graduated in 1977 with a M.S. degree in Agricultural Economics and a minor in Resource Development.

Before coming to Dordt, Visscher taught at Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana and Jordan College, Fremont, Michigan. Visscher began teaching at Dordt in the fall of 1980.

At the time Diamond went to press, a memorial service for Visscher was scheduled to take place during regular chapel, Thursday morning. Dale Grotenhuis and Marion Van Soelen are in charge of the service. After diagnosis, Visscher's death came quickly and shocked the Dordt community. Diamond along with the rest of Dordt's community prays that God's blessing may be extended to Visscher's family and friends as they continue their lives without him.
Editorial  Cliques Harmful?

by Brenda Reiter

Cliquies. We hear the word enough, but selcoa stop to think about it. Yet these small groups with members who rarely associate with anyone outside of their elite group surround us, even here at Dordt College.

Not all students are cliquish. Some are friendly to all their fellow students, and do not look at clique membership to determine if a person is to be included in a certain activity. These students are, however, in the minority at Dordt.

As we look at ourselves and others carefully, we can see what is happening. It is clear that these small groups are not in accord with the Christian community. Christians are to be constantly reaching out to those in need, and one of the greatest needs of college students is friends, but this does not mean friends confined only to small, independent cliques.

As we look around, we don't see the outreach that so many students need. Many students are homesick, burdened with their studies, or lonely. Yet because of cliques, they get little or none of the encouragement they so desperately need.

Clique members not only exclude non-members from their activities and friendships, but also make them feel like outsiders, and therefore uncomfortable. Clique members build an invisible wall around themselves that is often all too visible to non-members.

Each person on campus has love to share, the love of Christ. If he is a member of a clique, he shares his love with only a few people rather than with all the people around him.

Students at Dordt should show Christian brotherhood and fellowship because of their commitment to Christ.

Each person should think about these cliques and their effect on others. By not allowing themselves to break out of the very close-knit groups and meet others, clique members are losing the chance to make new friends, one of the greatest advantages of attending college.

Maple Leaf Rag

by Theo Polet

This is the beginning of a series of columns dedicated to the Canadians on campus. It will just be an overview of what happened in the Motherland over the past week. After all, "Nookers" have an interesting country too; eh?

Prime Minister Pierre and his noble cabinet ministers came up with another budget. However, one really likes it, especially the opposition Conservatives. They say that the budget "victimizes the jobless, abandons the poor and undermines the students and the sick." And to say, Finance Minister Allan MacEachen is re-evaluating the budget.

The final count is in on the Manitoba Provincial election and the N.D.P. are once again in control. They took 34 of the possible 57 seats. The Progressive Conservatives took the remaining 23 seats. Howard Pawley is now the Manitoba premier.

Quebec Premier Rene Levesque says he will not accept the constitutional package unless it recognizes the existence of two founding nations. That is; if the Constitution will accept it, especially the opposition Conservatives. They say that the budget "victimizes the jobless, abandons the poor and undermines the students and the sick." And to say, Finance Minister Allan MacEachen is re-evaluating the budget.

In sports, the Edmonton Eskimos will meet the Ottawa Roughriders in Montreal for the Grey Cup.

If you hear anything that you think other Canadians might like to know, call me at ext. 6909 or write to Box 568.
Christian Love Means Personal Concern

There's a cry for help on campus. Do you hear it? The Administration listens to the cry and it sincerely wants to help. Administrative personnel pray and encourage students to lend a hand, because students, friends, and parents can be heard most clearly.

Dordt College has a set of guidelines, based on the commandments of God, which earnestly encourages an environment that will establish a God-glorying atmosphere. We call this list of principles The Defender. Such an atmosphere can only become reality if we, the students, accept the standards explained in The Defender.

Ideally such an atmosphere is possible; realistically it will never be perfect. However, we should try to do our best. Some folks on campus like to indulge in the "little pleasures" of secular society. These people are ruining the chance of the other students' seeing the college environment they desire.

What can all students do for and with these few incon siderate bumbling students who obviously are "handicapped" in their relationship with the Lord? Why, send them to the proper authorities! Of course!! Why, send them to the proper authorities!!

In accordance with Mathew 18:15ff if any member of the College community finds another violating the procedures and rules of the College, he should admonish the offender in the spirit of repentance, the trouble, and the pain they are causing and getting into.

If all of us remember to admonish another in private, with love, maybe we can get the Dean out of his sticky position and appreciate him for his efforts to help students.

by Theo Polet

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by Lyle Breuse

"Family and Marriage" class experienced pseudo-parenthood for three days. As real children were unavailable, raw eggs were substituted. Students were required to carry their eggs with them at all times. If this was not possible, they were allowed to hire baby-sitters.

Taylor, above, at the request of the class, poses with five of the surviving children, cradling them gently in his arms.

Hockey Club Still Undefeated

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MOVIES
Nov 20 - 26
Twin I 7:15, 9:00
Walt Disney's Fox and the Hound (G)
Twin II 7:15, 9:30
Raiders of the Lost Ark (PG)
Sat. 2 pm
Tues. & Wed. $1.50
LeMars
Art Building Receives Improvements

From the outside, the art building appears the same, but from within, one can see that a change has taken place. If one rarely steps foot inside the art building, the renovations and additions go unnoticed; one should, however, focus some attention on this area of Dordt's campus.

Last summer, the maintenance crew and their summer-time employees undertook a new job. In what was once one large, open-space, high-ceiling band room, they constructed several divisions, resulting in four separate rooms, two on ground level and two on the upper level.

Because the large room is now sectioned, the space is better equipped. Alberda added, "It's a big improvement, definitely needed. "It's a great improvement," he said. Alberda added, "I don't know how we lived without it."

In addition to the partitioning, the art department acquired a new kiln. Since the old one is quite small and beginning to crack, the new one is an appreciated addition. With these recent additions, the art department is better equipped.

It is a rare novel that captures history in both an interesting and factual manner and it takes an even rarer author to write such novels consistently. Irving Stone accomplishes this task in his novel "The Origin," the saga of Charles Darwin. "The Origin" follows Darwin's life from his boyhood through his journey on The Beagle and his writings to his inevitable death. Early in the book, Stone introduces a number of friends and relatives in what appears to be trivial detail. However, these details add life and continuity to the enchanting narrative. These characters become so real to the imaginative mind that one is tempted to feel sorrow at any one of the numerous deaths or illnesses.

Stone spends nearly 300 pages describing Darwin's four-year journey on The Beagle and his numerous naturalizing expeditions during this time. At first this may seem out of balance with the time distribution in the rest of the novel, but Stone builds the entire life of Darwin on this base. The intricate detail seldom, if ever, makes reading difficult while importing an overwhelming sense of being with Darwin:

"He (Darwin) began to feel feverish. The heat was intense. The road was pretty, with an abundance of birds and flowers. He enjoyed the little village of Coronada with its lush gardens, but from there the road led through a large wood of low prickly trees with abandoned houses where the inhabitants had been killed in an Indian raid."

The ensuing 300-odd pages deal with Darwin's marriage, family, writings and the heated debates over the popular theories of the day. It is in this section especially, where the use of generally fictitious conversations snatches life from potential boredom. One can feel the tension in Darwin's conversations with the great scientists of the 1800's.

Stone refrains from turning Darwin into a super human by sprinkling Darwin's later life with gastro-intestinal distresses and attempts to find a cure. Stone also places Darwin in a balanced home with a God-fearing wife and numerous offspring offsetting Darwin's apostacy.

There is little or no graphic sex or violence prevalent in many other novels, in "The Origin." Death is generally to be mourned as a loss. The characters are far from celibate, however, when one realizes the number of children running across the pages. This lack of sensationalism is a refreshing change in current literature.

Stone does allow his obvious approval of Darwin and his theories to peek through between the lines. The vehemence of Darwin's opponents' outcries is far overshadowed by the power of Darwin's and his colleagues' rebuttals.

Don't be put off by the length of "The Origin." It is gripping reading. "The Origin" offers a fascinating insight into the mind of the man whose theories have vastly affected the thinking of the world.

"The Origin" by Irving Stone, published by Doubleday and Co., 686 pages with an eight and a half page bibliography.

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Exciting Preparations For 'Indians' Underway

Dordt College Theatre Arts Department's production "Indians" is the center of activities for the week Dec. 1-7. Campus lectures, art displays, and Indian artifacts will all contribute to a better understanding of "Indians" for the Dordt community and will increase student and faculty awareness of the Native American Indian culture.

The play is progressing well in all areas. The set has been moved to TePaske Theatre and needs only to be painted. The costumes are nearly completed and are ready for a costume parade on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 1:30 p.m. Most of the props are found and only need to be painted. Community businesses and students have donated various items needed for the show. These items range from approximately $1000 worth of working guns loaned by local gun collectors to mannequins from local clothing shops.

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Cast members have had the privilege of meeting Kevin Locke and Rick Thomas. These meetings included short talks on Indian culture and heritage by the two men, and question and answer periods.

Thomas related how he became aware of his heritage and how he uses the awareness as counsellor at the Nebraska State Penitentiary. He demonstrated a few Indian celebration dances and encouraged cast participation. He also told the cast that American Indian Movement (AIM) had boycotted this show earlier because Indians feel that the Sundance as portrayed in Koppits play is sacrilegious. Dordt is not portraying the Sundance News. This will be immediately followed by a discussion of the role of hoop dance and Indian flute in Indian culture.

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One Acts Entertaining and Worthwhile

The One Acts, student directed plays given Nov. 13 and 14, were worth far more than the $1.50 admission charge.

The cast of "The Monkey's Paw", written by W.W. Jacobs and directed by Ben Lutteboer and Billstra, included Paul Bootsma and Annette Couperus as Mr. and Mrs. White, Jim Broek as Herbert White, Don Huizinga as Sergeant-Major Morris and Corrine Vander Lugt as Miss Sampson.

The slightly eccentric Sergeant-Major offered a melodramatic twist to the plot by introducing the monkey's paw and its curse of three wishes. Huizinga clearly had fun with his character and this saved the sergeant from becoming slapstick.

Miss Sampson, who brings the news of Herbert's death, had to portray difficult emotions--insecurity and indecision. Vander Lugt interpreted these emotions aptly but her overpowering stage presence cancelled a great deal of her dramatic impact.

"Bus Riley's Back in Town" by William Inge was directed by Mary H. Gaughan and Mark Steggerda. The play revolves around the meeting of two former lovers Jackie Loomis (Deb Top) and Bus Riley (Mark Sinnot). Sinnot makes Bus a coldly resigned lover who thinks only of physical love, while Top makes Jackie through vibrant stages of hope, desperation and eventual resignation.

Loomis' friends, Ralph (John Kleinwortinker) and Bernice Henry (Heather VanderVeet), provide one of two tension outlets in the play. Ralph is an easily, easy-going guy while his wife is characterized as a domineering gossip. These two are such personality opposites that they were a kick in the shorts.

The second outlet for the audience are the bartender Sadie (Lynn DeYoung) and the salesman (Rich Gaffin). The two performers complemented each other admirably, Gaffin as the disconsolate soul mourning to air out his beefs, and De Young as the long-suffering barkeep. They could not have existed effectively without each other.

At the end of the play, after Jackie has agreed to spend the night with Bus, Sadie is left alone on stage. Suddenly the escapism theme becomes clear as the lights dim on the desolate stage.

The third play was "Hopscotch" written by Brian Heersink and Michael P. Masterson. "Hopscotch" is based on the meeting of a former teenage couple.

The play loosely follows Paul Simon's 1972 hit "One Sunny Day". While the basic plot is reminiscent of "Bus Riley", "Hopscotch" is a bitter play.

While Elsa and Wilbur (Karen Knibbe and David Van Kley) want to get back together, Elsa's bitterness at Wilbur and Wilbur's inability to believe that Elsa could not have forgiven his mistakes prevents any storybook ending. Knibbe seemed to relish the frequent expletives in the dialogue. While this may have offended some members of the audience, as it did Wilbur, it is a vital part of Elsa's dialogue.

The physical aspect of the one-act was the most powerful of all three plays. Ranging from the violent slapping of Wilbur's face to Wilbur throwing Elsa to the ground to the subtle usage of the tree, bench, garbage can, and baby carriage, action never lapsed into mere motion. "Hopscotch" was the most forceful and thought-provoking of the three plays.

All three One Acts were admirably done, and the different directions and nuances applied to script and characters by directors and actors made for commendable performances.

"Citizen Kane Arrives" by Thriesa Kolk

"The film begins as Kane is revealed to the audience with the word 'Rosebud' on his lips, and the subsequent story of his life is revealed through the efforts of a newspaper reporter to find out what the word means." (Commonweal, May 28, 1971)

Written, produced, directed, and starred by Orson Welles, "Citizen Kane" is the story of a man of power. P. T. Hartung, in the Commonweal May 1941, claimed that "Orson Welles... wrote this screenplay so intelligent a adult that half its audience will miss the point. It is a portrait of Kane, in a subtle form.

Hartung writes: "facts are revealed bit by bit, forward, backward, repeated until at the end, you yourself must fit together this jigsaw puzzle that is Citizen Kane, and at the very end only you know the secret of 'Rosebud'."
Dordt Athletics Moving Up, Up, Up!!!

The Diamond printed a dismal feature a couple of years ago, insinuating that Dordt athletics wallowed in mediocrity. However, 1980-81 witnessed a turnaround that is begging for a new tradition to be established, and the 1981-82 athletic year gives every indication it will follow suit in this new, winning tradition.

Until last year Dordt hadn't turned out any superstars; however, two 1981 graduates were two-time all-Americans, Greg Kuiper twice in the marathon and Dennis Van Zanten an academic all-American in both basketball and baseball. Senior Jerrold Wynia is also a two-time all-American in both track and cross-country.

Dordt's cross-country team was highly successful last year, losing only one meet all year. This year Dordt did not dominate to the same degree, but did qualify three runners for the nationals, including Wynia, who has won at every meet this season.

Dordt's basketball squad also had a banner year last year, winning the Tri-State Conference Championship and the Dutchman Classic Holiday Tournament.

This year's basketball team lacks experience, but that has not kept fans from being optimistic. Returning is a host of young talent and District 15 Coach of the Year, Rick Vander Berg, to provide countless thrills in 1981-82.

If crowds are a measure of success, then Dordt's soccer team is this year's major contribution to a new winning tradition. The soccer team drew record crowds en route to a second-place finish in the NSSC and won the District 15 championship and more games than any other soccer team in Dordt's history before bowing to the number one team in the nation last week.

The hockey team nearly disbanded last season but has rebounded with a fast 4-0 start this year with a team possessing a bundle of talent. The women's young volleyball team finished second in their conference this year and became better and better as the girls gained experience. The women's tennis squad buzzed through the regular schedule with a 9-0 record before losing in the state meet.

Recently the highly respected Iowa Conference asked Dordt to join which, if accepted, will elevate Dordt to NCAA Division III level. Contrast that with Dordt's being turned down a couple of years back.

Last season's basketball team beat Iowa Conference foes six out of six times, and that's only the beginning to how competitive Dordt can be. Dordt College athletics have shed a non-competitive spirit, with sights on a tradition of excellence.

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The basketball season is here again with Dordt’s first game on Saturday, Nov. 21. One of Dordt’s biggest assets this year will be the services of District 15 Coach of the Year, Rick Vander Berg. With only one starter back from last year, Vander Berg said the biggest problem is going to be the lack of experience.

The squad has spent the past few weeks working on utilizing their strengths and on learning to play as a team.

Dordt will have to overcome its lack of experience and height by capitalizing on speed and shooting, said Vander Berg. This means that the press may be used more this year than in the past. Vander Berg also noted that Dordt will have to work hard on the boards to control the rebounding.

Leading this year’s young ball club are senior co-captains Kent Marra and Wes Fopma. Fopma, the only returning starter, said he feels that there is improvement in each practice and he is looking forward to the season.

The team to beat in the area will again be Briar Cliff, Sioux City. They have talented ball players, good size and are sure to give problems to whomever they play.

Dordt will have few home games this year because they no longer belong to a conference and the South Dakota schools that Dordt had previously played have joined a new conference.

The schools in this new conference are only allowed to play six games outside of their own conference.

In order for Dordt to play any of these teams, Dordt must go to their home court.

Also, Simpson chopped Dordt from their schedule. This year, Wartburg, scheduled to play here, will instead replace Simpson on the road trip.

This Saturday, Dordt will play Sioux Falls College at Sioux Falls. On Tuesday, November 24, Dordt will play a new addition to their schedule, USD Springfield. They boast a very good point guard and an all-conference forward.

Volleyball Banquet Held

Awards night for the volleyball team took place on Tuesday, Nov. 17. Dordt’s Women’s Volleyball team finished second in the conference with an overall record of 16 wins and 11 losses.

Helene Haringa, co-captain, was voted by conference coaches to be on the All-Conference team. Haringa and Nancy Grevenoog share the Most Valuable Player award.

The players voted Lisa Poel and Jill Branderhorst as winners of the outstanding freshman award. Coach Etta J. Huisman awarded two players for the most improvement—upperclassman Brenda Kragt and freshman Sue Van Hove.

Receiving the first-year Letter award are Poel, Branderhorst, Van Hove, Dianne Beekman and Yolanda Sikma. The second-year Jacket award was presented to Kragt, Grevenoog, and Lynn Postma. Co-captains Kathy Bolkeema and Haringa each received the third-year Picture award.

According to Huisman, the team improved tremendously throughout the season. "Their caring and sharing attitudes were super." Coach Huisman added that the experience of this year will help make a stronger team for next year, especially since most of the 1981 players were freshman.